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Island Station NDA Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Charles Bird, Co-Chair (6:30)

Attendees gave their names, addresses, and what they've been doing to socialize during the pandemic.

21 in attendance: Sergeant Robbie Graves (City of Milwaukie Police Department) and 20 Island Station neighbors:

Adria Decker	Carolyn Tomei	Dave Tyler	Kathy Hyzy
Alicia Hamilton	Charles Bird	Ellen Chaimov	Mary Weick
Anna Dennis	Clare Marshall	Mike Gronholm	Natalie Strunka
April Gracz	Colin Hyzy	Jen Strunka	Pam Denham
Bobbi Pearson	Daniel Wood	Jo Anne Bird	Rebecca Banyas

Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

April Gracz moved to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2020 meeting. Adria Decker seconded. Motion passed unanimously by virtual show of hands.

Police report (Sergeant Graves)

June was a busy month. There was a major Black Lives Matter protest at Milwaukie Bay Park on the 9th with a couple thousand people. There were 3-4 other such events at farmer's markets as well. All were peaceful "family events" with no issues. One neighbor objected to the term "protest" and Sergeant Graves amended the statement to "gathering."

There were a number of other events, including several convenience store robberies, one stabbing, and a missing child. The last of those turned out to be a custody issue and is being resolved by DHS. There was also the fatal hit & run of a child, which is still an ongoing investigation. Several of the police attended the child's funeral on the 9th.



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There were a lot of fireworks complaints on July 4th. One neighbor added that other neighbors walked the island the next morning and found only one firework, so it's likely there weren't many people out there.

A neighbor asked about the homeless encampment at Johnson Creek & Highway 224. They said that a friend's canoe had been stolen and found there, and asked what the police are doing to monitor and deal with the encampment. Another neighbor expressed concerns about safety as well.

Sergeant Graves told us that the site is monitored and that they frequently hike out to individual camps to make sure they're getting cleaned up and moved. They start with education and lists of resources, and may take other actions depending on ownership of the land, but avoid jumping straight to arresting people. It sounds like Officer Billy Wells is the main liaison working with homeless people.

A neighbor asked about programs available to help, and Sergeant Graves told us about Project Hope and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion. They can help in ways from getting people showers to helping them with criminal charges. He said that there have been some heartwarming success stories with Project Hope.

A neighbor gave an update on the Metro bond approved in May. The money from the bond will more than double the resources that Clackamas County currently has available for people who are homeless. 75% of those funds are specifically devoted to mental health and drug issues affecting homeless people.

Sergeant Graves also mentioned that they work with Clackamas County to include embedded mental health professionals who go with the police, and those behavioral health units handle some of these situations.

Treasurer's report

April Gracz reported a balance of \$12,108.95. \$14,858.33 is available for use with \$2,749.38 in committed funds.

There was some discussion of our picnic commitment, given that the pandemic makes it hard to have a picnic. April said that it might be possible to have a block party instead, based on City policy.



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New Business

2021 Island Station Pride Parade / Block Party

Clare Marshall talked about the Pride parade from this year, and she hopes that we can have one annually. In addition, she'd like to have a block party at the end of it.

After some discussion, we decided to wait until we had more cost information before allocating funds. A neighbor explained that we would also need an event permit, and that we are allowed three a year, one of which is normally used for the picnic.

Clare made a motion to have a pride parade in 2021, and to reserve one of our event permits for it. April Gracz seconded. Motion passed unanimously by virtual show of hands.

Communication Director

Clare Marshall explained that she would like to be our Communication Director. Charles Bird asked for any additional nominations and there were none.

Mary Weick made a motion to elect Clare as Communication Director. Colin Hyzy seconded. Motion passed unanimously by virtual show of hands.

Milwaukie Environmental Stewards

Pam Denham informed us that the Milwaukie Environmental Stewards styrofoam collection site is back up, after being unavailable for a few months due to COVID. She noted that only rigid styrofoam is accepted.

The collection site is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 4:30pm, and is at 5285 SE Mallard Way, at Exceed Enterprises. The site is at the far corner of the building opposite the driveway.



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Old Business

Spring Park Improvements

We continued our discussion from June regarding Spring Park improvements.

Pam Denham read a note from Milo Denham, who had made the motion last month to add a picnic bench and table to the south side of Spring Park. Milo asked to withdraw his motion.

Charles Bird gave us feedback from his discussions with FERI Spark and with Tonia Williamson of NCPRD. They felt that it was clear that the bench and table would not be realistic, but that there was definitely interest in doing something to improve the park. They had discussed a couple of options in particular:

- a) Installing interpretive signage in the park / on the trail.
- b) Aiding in cleanup and preparation of the additional land that is being given to the park by the Elk Rock Estates developer.

Colin Hyzy read an email excerpt from Tonia regarding the first option, as follows:

At the last FERI Spark meeting we had discussed that the management planning had recommended additional interpretive signage and/or kiosk at the trailhead/pocket park. This is just an example of something that was already prioritized and has already been recommended through a public planning process and matches the goals of increasing education and value of the site which also matches with FERI Spark priorities.

There was some discussion of the Master Plan for Spring Park and Elk Rock Island, and whether it is a draft or final plan, and whether or not it dictates future improvements to the park. It was noted that there is a lot in the master plan that hasn't yet been done, so there are many things we could do.

Clare Marshall agreed to ensure that we sent out the Master Plan to neighbors.

Several neighbors felt that we didn't have enough information about options, and one neighbor suggested that we do some sort of outreach to the full neighborhood, asking what they would like their NDA to do with the funds we have available. Going door to door isn't a great idea during the pandemic, but we could send out postcards to the all Island Station neighbors.



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After further discussion, we decided not to commit funds or make a motion at this time. Clare will look into postcard options and outreach.

Mike Gronholm volunteered to do some brainstorming and come up with ways to attract other members and ways to spend money.

ISNDA & City Committee, City Board, and City Association Reports

Park Avenue Community Advisory Committee (PACAC):

Ellen Chaimov asked us to complete a survey that the committee has created. The survey is available on the PACAC web site, <https://www.clackamas.us/planning/parkave>.

The committee is working to determine the best sort of development for the area within half a mile of the Park Avenue MAX station. They're soliciting feedback on what we'd like to see. One idea they've had is to create a pedestrian-only neighborhood street behind the current Elk's Lodge, continuing south. This could help connect to other neighborhood areas as well, rather than just being about Island Station.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Pam Denham reported that the Community Emergency Manager was going to send something out to community leaders soon.

Arts Committee:

Alicia Hamilton told us that there's a mural being put up on Chan's Steakery. They are also talking to the person who created the Florence Ledding painting, and working with him to put up another mural somewhere in the City.

Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee (KGNC):

Charles Bird said that they got the fireworks signs set up. Kathy Hyzy said that some people have applied for the open committee seat, but reviewing applications is taking some time due to limited staff availability. Peter Pasarelli, who handles this work, is also the City's point person for



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COVID response.

City Council:

Kathy Hyzy reported that they are continuing with the Comp Plan hearings, which have been taking a lot of time. The main focus has been figuring out how best to respond to the Black Lives Matter movement, and more generally how to engage in equity and inclusion work in the city.

Additional Announcements:

Charles Bird told us that he has the opportunity to apply for a grant due to his work association with Prudential. We would need to partner with the City and potentially with others. The recipient needs to be a nonprofit, which we aren't, so there would be details to work out.

A neighbor asked if there were restrictions or "strings attached", and Charles said that he didn't think so. Given the lack of objections he said he'd continue with the process.

Clare Marshall asked that we add picnic planning to the agenda for next month.

Motion to adjourn

Colin Hyzy moved to adjourn. April Gracz seconded. Motion passed unanimously by virtual show of hands.

Our next meeting will be August 19th, via Zoom.